

to take advantage of a new situation. A fascinating genetic situation would arise should the two populations ever come together.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHESTNUT-BANDED SANDPLOVER *CHARADRIUS PALLIDUS* IN TANZANIA
The Chestnut-banded Sandplover *Charadrius pallidus*, is recorded in Tanzania from Lakes Natron and Manyara and from Lake Magadi in Ngorongoro Crater.

I recently found the species in two more localities, both extending the known distribution southwards in East Africa. On 1 November 1978 I found a small number of *C. pallidus* at Ilinde (5°56'S, 35°31'E), a small soda lake near Dodoma. The birds were feeding on the edge of a small pool of water alongside the more numerous Kittlitz's Sandplover *C. pecuarius*. At this time the lake was almost completely dry, with only two small pools of water remaining.

The heavy rains during the early months of 1979, and also a severe petrol shortage, precluded further visits to Ilinde until 6 June 1979, when I found the water level very high, leaving no exposed areas of soda; I was not too surprised when I failed to locate any *C. pallidus*. It was not until 8 July, when the water level had dropped a little, that I again found a few birds at the lake. On this visit I found both Blacksmith Plovers *Vanellus armatus* and Kittlitz's Sandpipers breeding, but no nests of *C. pallidus*. On 8 August 1979 I finally found a nest of *C. pallidus*. It was situated 30m from the water's edge, but adjacent to a wet patch of soda. The two eggs appeared to have been laid in a mammal's footprint, and there appeared to be no nest decoration. The eggs were stained with soda, but buffy in colour with black blotches. On subsequent visits I found two pairs of chicks with adults, but no more nest sites.

On 10 November 1979 I located *C. pallidus* rather further south. These birds were feeding with a group of *C. pecuarius* at the southeastern corner of Bahi Swamp (6°14'S, 35°18'E).

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